

Table 1. How the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District biased the assessment of alternatives in the EIS for the Pebble Mine Project.

	Clean Water Act Approach	Alaska District Approach
Basic purpose	Mining	Mining
Overall purpose	Copper Mining practicably	Develop and operate a copper, gold, and molybdenum mine in Alaska.
Alternatives	Any copper porphyry deposits worldwide, including those that PLP considered in its search prior to acquiring the Pebble deposit. Includes existing mine sites where PLP could become a partner, or acquire the mineral rights.	Limited to known but as yet undeveloped ore deposits within the State of Alaska that also include recoverable quantities of copper, gold, <u>and</u> molybdenum (<i>i.e.</i> , the Pebble deposit).
The LEDPA (Only the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative qualifies for permitting)	Any copper deposit that PLP could have acquired, leased, or managed to produce copper practicably, with less environmental harm. Mining the Pebble deposit would not qualify given its immense impacts to the aquatic ecosystem.	The Pebble Mine Project
Complies with Clean Water Act regulations?	No. Permit must be denied.	Yes. Can be permitted.